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Violation of section 65 of the Motor Vehicles Act by the bus operators in the South Kanara district.

* 66 *Q.*—Dr. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Government have recently received any representation from the Secretary, Kanara Motor Workers' Union, regarding the violation of Section 65 of the Motor Vehicles Act by all the bus operators in the district; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter and with what result?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government have examined the representation and are satisfied that there has been no violation of the provisions of Section 65 of the Act. However, it is open to the Union to bring to the notice of the Regional Transport Officer, South Kanara, specific instances in future, where operators violate the provisions of this section so that suitable action can be taken against them."

Medical examination for nurses in the Government General Hospital, Madras.

* 67 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any routine half-yearly medical examination for the nurses working in the Government General Hospital, Madras; and

(*b*) if so, for what purpose?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) For a periodical check up of the health of the nursing staff particularly for detecting cases of tuberculosis in their early stages and other ailments, if any."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that a male doctor was deputed to conduct the medical examination of nurses and whether the nurses were treated in an indecent way in November, 1953? May I also know whether it is a fact that three nurses refused to be medically examined by a male doctor and demanded that a lady doctor should be appointed by the Government to conduct medical examination of nurses and that the Dean of the General Hospital turned down their request? May I know whether the Government will be pleased to depute lady doctors to conduct the medical examination of women nurses? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Instructions have been issued to the Deans of the Government General Hospital and the Stanley Hospital to get women nurses examined only by women medical officers."